

Hard Contact Lenses

Your care system has been chosen for you by your eye doctor. Not all contact lens solutions are compatible with each other or with your lenses. Do not use solutions other than the ones your eye doctor has prescribed for you.



When Putting Lenses On:

1. Always **wash your hands** before handling lenses.
2. Work over a counter-top or table. When using a sink, be sure the stopper is in place over the drain.
3. If you wear lenses on both eyes, always start with the same eye. This will avoid getting the contact lenses mixed up.
4. Lenses that have been stored overnight in soaking solutions do not need to be re-cleaned or rinsed.
5. Check the lens for cracks or chips before putting it on.
6. After lenses have been put on, soaking solution must be emptied out of the case.
7. The case should be rinsed in warm tap water and allowed to air-dry.
8. **Do not re-use or save soaking solution.**

When Taking Lenses Off:

1. Always **wash your hands** before handling lenses.
2. Work over a counter-top or table. When using a sink, be sure the stopper is in place over the drain.
3. Always start with the same eye. This will avoid getting lenses mixed up.
4. First remove the contact lens.
5. Then place 3-4 drops of daily cleaning solution in the palm of your hand.
6. **Gently** rub the contact lens in the cleaning solution using your index finger for 30 seconds on each surface.
7. Next rinse the lens with contact lens saline solution.
8. **Do not use tap water or distilled water.**
9. Place the lens in the center of the lens well in the case.
10. Fill with fresh soaking solution.

When Enzyming Lenses:

1. Remove and clean lenses according to the above instructions.
2. Fill the enzyme vials with contact lens saline solution.
3. **Do not use tap water or distilled water.**
4. Drop one enzyme tablet into each vial.
5. Place the cleaned contact lenses into each vial.
6. Allow the lenses to soak in the enzyme solution for at least 15 minutes (or the time prescribed by your eye doctor).
7. After the lenses have soaked the prescribed time, clean them **again** with daily cleaner. Then allow them to soak in soaking solution overnight before wearing.

Your Hard Contact Lens Care System:

Daily cleaner _____

Soaking solution _____

Saline solution _____

Enzyme your lenses _____ per week for _____

Please call the VA Northwest Network Call Center at 1-888-233-8305 with any problems or questions. They are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. They can advise you and can contact the eye doctor on-call for emergencies